



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

July 8, 2021

July 8, 2021
9:00 AM
Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Mark Anderson
Cassandra Burdyslaw
Evan Meenan
Brian Searles
Bill Sorrell

Members Absent:

None

Other Attendees:

Heather Simons – Executive Director Vermont Police Academy
Cindy Taylor Patch – Vermont Police Academy
Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

Call to order:

Meenan called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes. Burdyslaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rule 18:

Meenan led a walkthrough of the draft revisions to Rule 18. The Committee discussed proposed subsections (a), (b)(i)-(iv), (b)(viii), and (b)(ix) before the time allotted for the meeting expired. The particular topics and questions discussed included:

1. Whether there are some rules that should not be waivable pursuant to proposed subsection (a). The Committee agreed to keep this question in mind as it reviews additional rules.
2. Including the waiver application requirements in forms prescribed by the Council rather than in a rule, such as proposed subsection (b)(viii). The Committee preliminarily determined to pursue this approach.
3. Whether subsection (b)(i) should focus on reviewing “equivalent competencies” rather than “equivalent trainings.” The Committee agreed that this topic should be revisited after reviewing the rules regarding minimum training requirements.



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4. Whether subsections (b)(iii) and (iv) should be revised so that the Waiver Committee makes the waiver determinations rather than waiver recommendations. The Committee agreed to continue discussing this issue at its next meeting.
5. Whether the requirements in proposed subsection (b)(ix) should be retained. The Committee agreed to revisit this topic after considering Rule 16.

The Committee agreed to pick up at (b)(v) at the next meeting.

Presentation on Rule 13 by Vermont Police Academy Staff:

There was not enough time during the meeting to reach this agenda item. It was agreed this item should be added to the agenda for a later meeting.

Agenda for July 15 Meeting:

Continued discussion of draft revisions to Rule 18.

Time permitting:

1. Presentation from Jacob Humbert on what, by statute, the Council's rules are required to cover.
2. Discussion/review of the overall structure and content of the Council's rules.

Potential Future Agenda Items:

Presentation from Academy staff on Rule 13 with a specific focus on what is going well and what, if anything, could use some alterations and/or improvements.

Presentation from Humbert on the current professional regulation process.

Presentation from Humbert on what, by statute, the Council's rules are required to cover.

Discussion/review of the overall structure and content of the Council's rules.

Motion to Adjourn:

Sorrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Searles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.